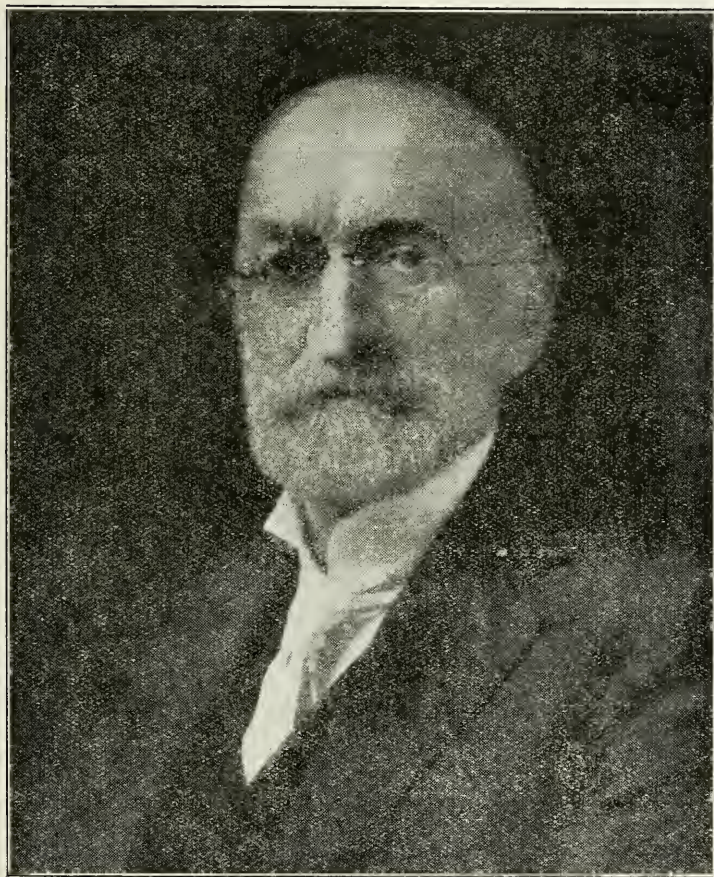


THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS'
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President Heber J. Grant

Millions Hear His Testimony

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A MESSAGE TO THE WORLD

PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT

I AM delighted to have this opportunity, through the courtesy of the Columbia network, to broadcast a message to members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and to the public generally.

I shall quote the Articles of Faith of the Church and make brief comments regarding them.

This Address

MILLIONS of people listened to this wireless address given by President Heber J. Grant over the 68 stations of the Columbia Broadcasting System network in the United States and Canada on Sunday, May 12th.

Wireless authorities estimate that this testimony, uttered in Salt Lake City, was heard by more persons than had ever before listened to President Grant's voice in his 52 years in the ministry of the Church. The 15-minute address, the first to be given in history by a president of the Church over the international hook-up, was presented on the Columbia "Church of the Air" programme along with selections of sacred music of five minutes duration by the Tabernacle choir of 385 voices.—THE EDITORS.

Article 1. "We believe in God, the Eternal Father, and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost."

Every Latter-day Saint believes absolutely in the teachings of the Bible—"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him, male and female created he them." There is no Latter-day Saint in all the world that is bothered with modernism. Why? Because we maintain that Joseph Smith was in very deed a prophet of God, and that God Himself appeared to Joseph Smith and introduced Jesus Christ to him as "My Well Beloved Son," and Joseph said they were, to all human appearances, glorified men, beyond the power of mortal man to describe. No faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has any doubt as to the personality and individuality of God, and of Jesus Christ as the Son of God.

Article 2. "We believe that men will be punished for their own sins, and not for Adam's transgression."

In other words, we believe that "As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive," and that little innocent children who die before being baptized will be saved by the atoning blood of Christ.

Article 3. "We believe that through the atonement of Christ, all mankind

may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel."

We believe emphatically in what it says, "by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel." We have no faith in death-bed repentance. We have no faith that by making a confession just before death we can be saved.

Article 4. "We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel are: First, Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, Repentance; third, Baptism by immersion for the re-

mission of sins; fourth, Laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost."

We invite men to read a book entitled *Articles of Faith*, written by Dr. James E. Talmage, which contains scriptural references to sustain our position.

Article 5. "We believe that a man must be called of God, by prophecy, and by the laying on of hands, by those who are in authority, to preach the Gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof."

We claim that authority, and declare to all the world that John the Baptist, who held the keys of authority to baptize, restored the Aaronic Priesthood, and bestowed it upon Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery, also that Peter, James and John, apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ, restored the higher or Melchizedek Priesthood, by ordaining these same men to the apostleship.

Article 6. "We believe in the same organization that existed in the primitive church, viz., apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers, evangelists, etc."

There would be no need of believing in these various officers unless they have the inspiration of the living God and magnify the offices they hold. Unless Joseph Smith was in fact and in very deed a prophet of the living God, the whole structure called Mormonism falls; but with us it is not a matter of belief. Latter-day Saints have individually, almost without exception, been given testimonies of the divine mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith. Saturday, August 6th, 1842, Joseph Smith predicted "that the saints would continue to suffer much affliction, and would be driven to the Rocky Mountains; many would apostatize, others would be put to death by our persecutors, or lose their lives in consequence of exposure or disease; and some of you will live to go and assist in making settlements, and build cities, and see the saints become a mighty people in the midst of the Rocky Mountains."

WHEN that prophecy was uttered, what kind of place was the Rocky Mountains considered to be? At that time Daniel Webster, who was reputed to be the foremost statesman of the United States, said:

"What do we want with this vast, worthless area? This region of savages and wild beasts, of deserts, of shifting sands and whirlwinds of dust, of cactus and prairie dogs? To what use could we ever hope to put these great deserts or those endless mountain ranges, impenetrable and covered to their very base with eternal snow? What can we ever hope to do with the western coast of three thousand miles, rockbound, cheerless, uninviting, and not a harbor on it? Mr. President, I will never vote one cent from the public treasury to place the Pacific coast one inch nearer Boston than it now is."

Unless the evangelist or patriarch is able, under the inspiration of God, to give blessings which are fulfilled, then there is nothing gained by believing in evangelists. As a little child I received a patriarchal blessing outlining my life, which has been fulfilled to the letter. When I was the President of the Tooele stake, a patriarchal blessing was given to me to the effect that I should become a leader of great magnitude in the Church.

A patriarchal blessing was given to my baby, who was six months old, that she should live to marry a servant of God, and to become a mother, also that she would become a leader among her sisters. She is married to a servant of the Lord and has seven beautiful children, and she is now one of the presidency of the Young Women's Mutual Improvement association of the Church with over 50,000 members. I could mention scores and scores of cases of fulfillment of promises made in patriarchal blessings.

Article 7. "We believe in the gift of tongues, prophecy, revelation, visions, healing, interpretation of tongues, etc."

I received a blessing by the gift of tongues when I was a child, in which it was prophesied that I should become an apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ. My wife who is dead gave me a blessing by the gift of tongues, which was fulfilled to the letter.

Article 8. "We believe the Bible to be the word of God as far as it is translated correctly; we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God."

A GREAT New York banker made the remark after reading a pamphlet, "My Reasons for Joining the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints," that he was agnostic, but that if he believed the Bible to be the word of God he did not see how he could be an honest man if, after reading this pamphlet, he did not join the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. We maintain that the Bible sustains our position absolutely.

The Book of Mormon is practically the Bible of the forefathers of the American Indian and of other peoples that lived in America prior to its discovery by Columbus. I wish I had an hour to talk on the evidences of the divine authenticity of the Book of Mormon.

Article 9. "We believe all that God has revealed, all that He does now reveal, and we believe that He will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the Kingdom of God."

Article 10. "We believe in the literal gathering of Israel and in the restoration of the Ten Tribes; that Zion will be built upon this (the American) continent; that Christ will reign personally upon the earth; and, that the earth will be renewed and receive its paradisiacal glory."

Article 11. "We claim the privilege of worshiping Almighty God according to the dictates of our own conscience and allow all men the same privilege, let them worship how, where, or what they may."

Article 12. "We believe in being subject to kings, presidents, rulers and magistrates, in obeying, honouring, and sustaining the law."

Article 13. "We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men; indeed we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul: 'We believe all things, we hope all things,' we have endured many things, and hope to be able to endure all things. If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy we seek after these things."

I quote from "A Declaration of Belief": "We believe that governments were instituted of God for the benefit of man; and that He holds men accountable for their acts in relation to them,

both in making laws and administering them, for the good and safety of society.

"We believe that no government can exist in peace except such laws are framed and held inviolate as will secure to each individual the free exercise of conscience, the right and control of property, and the protection of life. . . .

"We believe that all men are bound to sustain and uphold the respective governments in which they reside, while protected in their inherent and inalienable rights by the laws of such governments, and that sedition and rebellion are unbecoming every citizen thus protected, and should be punished accordingly; and that all governments have a right to enact such laws as in their own judgments are best calculated to secure the public interest; at the same time, however, holding sacred the freedom of conscience. . . .

"We do not believe it just to mingle religious influence with civil government, whereby one religious society is fostered and another proscribed in its spiritual privileges, and the individual rights of its members, as citizens, denied."

WHAT the world needs today more than anything else is an implicit faith in God, our Father, and in Jesus Christ, His Son as the Redeemer of the world. The message of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to the world is that God lives, that Jesus Christ is His Son, and that they appeared to the boy Joseph Smith and promised him that he should be an instrument in the hands of the Lord in restoring the Gospel to the world. I quote from a vision given to Joseph Smith and Sidney Rigdon:

"And this is the Gospel, the glad tidings, which the voice out of the heavens bore record unto us—

"That he came into the world, even Jesus, to be crucified for the world, and to bear the sins of the world, and to sanctify the world, and to cleanse it from all unrighteousness;

"That through him all might be saved whom the Father had put into his power and made by him;

"Who glorifies the Father, and saves all the works of his hands, except those sons of perdition who deny the Son after the Father has revealed him."

And again from the same vision;

"And we beheld the glory of the Son, on the right hand of the Father, and received of his fulness:

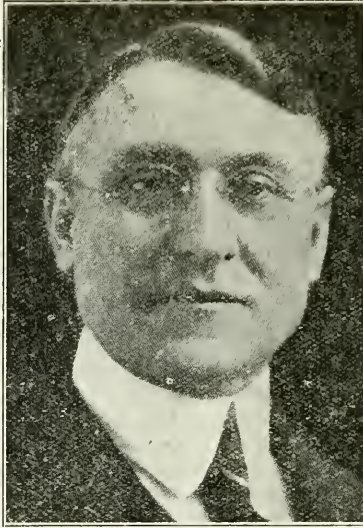
"And saw the holy angels, and them who are sanctified before his throne, worshiping God, and the Lamb, who worshiped him forever and ever.

"And now, after the many testimonies which have been given of him, this is the testimony last of all, which we give of him: That he lives!

"For we saw him, even on the right hand of God; and we heard the voice bearing record that he is the Only Begotten of the Father—

"That by him, and through him, and of him, the worlds are and were created, and the inhabitants thereof are begotten sons and daughters unto God."

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SUPERINTENDENT
ALBERT E. BOWEN
OF Y. M. M. I. A.

TO THE BRITISH MISSION Y. M. M. I. A.

IT is a source of great satisfaction to us to know that you are holding an M. I. A. Conference in June, concurrently with our own General Conference at Salt Lake City. It speaks well of your enterprise and the sincerity of your purpose.

The Mutual Improvement Association constitutes an ideal medium both for spreading the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and for preparing young men for the task. It aims at the unfolding and development of the latent powers of its members, and the establishment in them of those qualities of undeviating integrity and honesty of purpose, without which there can be no safe leadership either for the Church or nation.

Your welfare and progress, we assure you, are of quite as much concern to us as are the welfare and progress of the wards and stakes in Zion. We are happy to send you greetings with a message of congratulations and good will.

We are proud of your achievement and for the evidence your present endeavour affords of your appreciation of the opportunity that is open to you through your association to have part in the building up of a membership prepared to lead in the triumphant march of progress.

May the Lord continue to bless you and give you added zeal and devotion to the cause, that we may all be successful in bringing the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the M. I. A. programme to the thousands who await its glad tidings.

General Superintendency Y. M. M. I. A.

ALBERT E. BOWEN
GEORGE Q. MORRIS
FRANK L. WEST





PRESIDENT
RUTH MAY FOX
OF Y. W. M. I. A.

TO THE BRITISH MISSION Y. W. M. I. A.

IT is with pleasure that we respond to your request to write a message for your special issue of the *Star* and to have the opportunity of sending our love and greetings to all of you.

Everywhere there is activity in the M. I. A. From all parts of the Church—the stakes and wards, the missions in the United States and Europe and from far-off islands of the sea come most encouraging reports of successful work accomplished. The organization truly has grown to be world-wide; all sections are contributing to its advancement.

Our colours, green and gold, are symbols of our great objectives. Green denotes youth, growth and freshness; gold the priceless worth of each individual and the high destiny of the young people of Zion if they but keep on in noble endeavour.

As we write this we are on the eve of another annual conference of the M. I. A. of the Church. Thousands of leaders and members will gather together to discuss programmes and methods, to receive instruction and inspiration to carry on. We are happy to know that you also will be holding your "June Conference," characterized by the same spirit and coloured by the same joyous activities. We shall be thinking of you and you of us, and thus we shall be bound together in ties of brotherhood and sisterhood which only members of the Church of Christ can know.

May you be happy in your work. May you be encouraged to go forward and above all may your devotion to the Gospel ever increase.

General Presidency Y. W. M. I. A.

RUTH MAY FOX

LUCY G. CANNON

CLARISSA A. BEESLEY



THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS' MILLENNIAL STAR

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EDITORIAL

THE PLACE OF RELIGION

“**W**HAT doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?” (Micah 6: 8.)

For centuries the principal thing in religion was the intellectual belief of man. But a man can hold correct intellectual beliefs and still be bitter, still be hard, still be cruel, still be troublesome to live with, still be an unsafe person to do business with. As the world has become more civilized men have come more and more to regard the principle thing in religion as the spiritual attitude, the love of the heart, the divineness, or the noble humanity—they mean the same thing—of the character that is developed. Correct beliefs are still necessary, but the principal thing in religion is coming to be goodness, tenderness, love, service and helpfulness toward our fellowmen.

Religion may express itself in outward ceremonial; it naturally will. It must clothe itself in some way. Correct belief will not cease to be any less important, because if a man is working on a wrong theory he will not accomplish much. But the creed is of value only for the sake of the character that it can develop, only because it may bring us into harmony with God, near to each other, make us partake of the divine, make us human. Religion means, primarily, coming into close, living relations with God. It is having clear thoughts about His laws, about His methods, about the purpose of human life. It is finding out the divine laws of life and growth and then living accordingly.

What ought a true and noble religion to do for us? Ought it not to be the living light within us to make us conquerors even in the face of death itself? A true religion should give a man a practical working theory or philosophy of life. That is the first and most important thing that any intelligent being needs, and a living religion gives us that. What am I here for? What is the best thing I can do? By what standard shall I measure the success or failure of life? These are some of the things we need to find out; then our feet are planted strong on something that is solid, that does not shift or give way. This correct theory of life will keep a man steady and true in all the turmoil and change, linking his life with divine purposes. We

do not mean to say that this theory will practically settle all man's problems, but we do say that it gives him a stable point of departure and that is the principal thing.

There is another thing that religion ought to do for us. It ought to save us in prosperity. The rich are especially in need of religion, as a help, as a deliverance, from the dangers that are about them. One of the great dangers of the rich is that they get out of sympathy with their fellows, out of neighbourly touch with them. They cease to feel the reality of their dependence upon the great struggling world. Without religion they are apt to become selfish and isolated. Then there is another danger that they may become contented with that which is infinitely less than what they are capable of doing or attaining. In general the rich need this religious ideal, so that in the midst of life's experiences they may be ever conscious of the fact that there is something of more importance than material possessions.

Then religion, if it be a true religion, is a refuge in the storm. The storm always comes in some shape or form. Religion, if it means anything, ought to help us when our ideals crumble about our feet. We start out in life with such beautiful ideals but sometimes we find them shattered and broken as easily as the soap bubbles with which we played in childhood. The question is here, can we be true? Can we take the next step ahead? That is all that a loving Father asks of us.

There is one thing more that religion ought to do for us. It can give us conquest over all ages and over death itself. It ought to enable us to be sweet, true, self-forgetting, noble, as the eyes grow dim, the ears harder of hearing, and increasing infirmity tells us that we are getting toward sunset. We can stand strong in the conviction that there is something eternal and changeless in us, something superior to all earthly conditions.

What then, ought religion to do for us? If it be fairly correct in theory, true in purpose, lofty in love, humble in service, it ought to give us fuller life, sanity, knowledge, love of beauty, of truth. It ought to give us right thoughts, right feelings, right actions. It ought to bring us prosperity and peace together with all that is high and fine in human nature. It ought to link our lives with God and make us a part of His eternal purpose in the earth.—(From the *Deseret News*.)

DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTICE—The annual spring conference of the Manchester district will be held in the Co-operative hall, Downing street, Manchester, on Sunday, June 16th, the sessions commencing at 11 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Presidents Joseph F. Merrill and Joseph J. Cannon will be the principal speakers.

THE PROGRAMME AT KIDDERMINSTER

[PREPARED by the officers of the British Mission Y.M. and Y.W.M.I.A., presented here is a brief outline of the first British mission M. I. A. conference, which convenes at Kidderminster, Worcestershire, on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, June 8th, 9th and 10th.—THE EDITORS.]

SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH

10 a.m. *Registration* of delegates and assignment to quarters will commence at this hour at the June Conference Office, Grosvenor hotel, Station hill (Comberton Road), Kidderminster. All persons attending the conference should report immediately upon arrival. Qualified contestants in the speech and chorus contests must report for a special registration before 2 p.m. A reception committee will meet trains and buses at the terminus. Sister Florence A. Bickerstaff of the Y.W.M.I.A. board, Elder M. Neff Smart and a committee will greet conference visitors at the office.

2 p.m. *Bee-Hive Scrapbook and Gleaner Treasures of Truth exhibitions* will be held in the Latter-day Saint chapel, Park street, Sisters Elise Mace and Rose B. Bailey of the Young Women's board conducting.

3 p.m. *M Men public speaking contest* (semi-finals) will be held, Group One meeting in the Latter-day Saint chapel, Park street, and Group Two meeting in Room Two of the same building.

Ladies' chorus contest (semi-finals) will be held at the same time, Group One meeting in Kidderminster Town hall, and Group Two in the Corn Exchange building (next to the Town hall).

5 p.m. *Reception and conference "tea"* will take place in the Kidderminster Town hall, with Dr. Ray M. Russell of the Young Men's superintendency acting as master of ceremonies.

6:30 p.m. *Mission Honour Day programme and contest finals* will take place in the Latter-day Saint chapel.

8:30 p.m. *Gala Flannel Dance* will be held in the Kidderminster Town hall. Paul Raffman's band will furnish the music, and Gold and Green dance demonstrations will be given.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH

8 a.m. *Testimony meeting*, with "Build Zion Today" as the theme, will be held in the Latter-day Saint chapel—"Hail To The Brightness of Zion's Glad Morning."

10 a.m. *General session* will be held in the Town hall. The programme will include the introduction of the 1935-36 M. I. A. slogan, messages from Sisters Rose W. Bennett of the Y. W. M. I. A. general board; Emily T. Merrill, consulting adviser of the women's auxiliaries for the European missions, and Ramona W. Cannon, who holds the same position in the British missions, and an address by British Mission President Joseph J. Cannon.

12:15 p.m. *Conference luncheon* will be served in Cooperative hall.

2 p.m. *General session*, with "Build Zion Today With M. I. A." as the theme, will be held in the Town hall. Foundation stones in the building process will be presented by various members of the Y. M. and Y. W. M. I. A. mission boards. An attractive demonstration will precede responses and appeals by a representative M. I. A. group, following which this session will adjourn into three leadership groups at 4 p.m.

4 p.m. *Meeting of Y. M. M. I. A. executives* will be held in the Corn Exchange building with Superintendent G. Homer Durham conducting.

Meeting of Y. W. M. I. A. executives in the Town hall, with President Catherine L. M. Horner conducting.

5:15 p.m. *Conference "tea"* will be served in Cooperative hall.

7 p.m. *The Youth programme* of general conference will be held in the Town hall. The programme will include addresses by Presidents Joseph F. Merrill and Joseph J. Cannon, "A Challenge to the Youth of Britain," by Elder Gordon B. Hinckley, and a response by representative M Men and Gleaner girls, Lorenzo P. Dunn of Kidderminster, Maggie Mavin of Plymouth, Violet Clayton of Luton, and the winner of the M Men speech contest.

MONDAY, JUNE 10TH

8:30 a.m. *Meeting for executives and community activity committees* in the Latter-day Saint chapel, with Dr. Ray M. Russell and Sister Madeline E. R. Hill of the M. I. A. boards' community activity committee conducting. The theme will be "Recreation in the Branch."

10 a.m. *Scouters' Round Table* will be held in Room One, Latter-day Saint chapel, with Scouter Louis H. Tarr of the Y. M. M. I. A. superintendency conducting.

Recreational institute will be held with the following divisions:

Group I—Music in the Town hall, Dr. Ray M. Russell conducting.

Group II—Dancing in the Corn exchange building, with Sister Elizabeth Cornwall conducting.

Group III—Will be held for M Men-Gleaners and leaders in the Latter-day Saint chapel, with the following topics: "The Art of Hospitality" (Gleaner appreciation course for 1935-36), Sister Emily T. Merrill; "The Use of the Story" (Joint appreciation course for 1935-36), Sister Ramona W. Cannon, and "The New M Men Appreciation Course."

Group IV—Will be held for Adult leaders in Room Two of the Latter-day Saint chapel, including "Reading and Hobbies," by Sister Rose W. Bennett.

11 a.m. *Recreational leadership*, including games and hints for the opening social, will be conducted by Elder M. Neff Smart of the Y. M. M. I. A. board in the Corn Exchange building.

12:30 p.m. *Farewell luncheon* will be served in the Cooperative hall.

2 p.m. *M Men track and field meet*—the inter-district competition for the Russell trophy—will be held at the Whitville sports ground.

Bee-Hive Swarm Day exercises will be held in the Latter-day Saint chapel, with Sister Rose B. Bailey, Mission Beekeeper, conducting.

5 p.m. *Farewell "tea"* will be served in Cooperative hall.

7 p.m. *Farewell concert* will be held in the Town hall. This event will conclude the June conference. It will feature attractive musical numbers by selected artists, and a dramatic sketch entitled "Freedom or Bondage," translated from German by Sister Emily T. Merrill, and dramatized and produced under the direction of Sister Ramona W. Cannon.

Instructions for launching a successful summer programme, to include a fathers' and sons' outings, mothers' and daughters' days, and the new affair for M Men and Gleaners—G-l-e-a-M Day, will be a feature on Monday at the June conference.

Incidentally, the general boards have made it known that next year's appreciation courses (two for each department) are to be bound with the manual for that department.

Therefore, as next season's work passes in preview during the Recreational Institute on Monday, June 10th, we advise M. I. A. workers to take careful note, and plan for a summer programme filled with high purpose, increasing enrolment and department development.

British Mission Y. M. and Y. W. M. I. A. Boards:

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| G. HOMER DURHAM | CATHERINE L. M. HORNER |
| RAY M. RUSSELL | MADELINE E. R. HILL |
| LEWIS H. TARR | RUTH ELISE MACE |
| JOHN BLEAKLEY | FLORENCE A. BICKERSTAFF |
| MAX NEFF SMART | ROSE B. BAILEY |

KIDDERMINSTER MAYOR SENDS GREETINGS

CHURCH OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS,
June Convention, 1935:

The Convention having fixed upon Kidderminster as its venue for this year, I feel that a word of welcome and appreciation in this Jubilee year is not out of place.

I appreciate that out of all the centers and churches you have up and down the country, you should have chosen this for your conference and deliberation.

I trust that the many delegates who visit us for a few days will receive a hearty welcome—that their brief stay in or around Kidderminster may be a happy one, and when they return home, they may do so with pleasant recollections of a few days spent among friends in beautiful surrounding country and carry with them the remembrance of a successful convention.

Faithfully yours,

(signed) A. E. MEREDITH (Mayor)

SCOTTISH DISTRICT CONFERENCE

APPROXIMATELY 75 investigators, along with an equal number of saints, heard President Joseph J. Cannon give an inspiring talk on "The Vitality of Mormonism" during the evening session of the annual spring conference of the Scottish district in the Glasgow branch hall, Sunday, May 26th.

President Cannon's address climaxed a day of spiritual feasting. During the morning session testimonies to the divinity of the Gospel were borne by Brother Thomas Graham, president of the Airdrie branch, Brother John Houston, president of the Edinburgh branch, and Elders Richard G. Smith, Reed W. Ellsworth, Eugene T. Pingree, John P. Gleave and Roscoe G. Ward. During the meeting District President William Stout gave a report of the progress of the district during the past six months.

Then the Priesthood and Relief Society meetings were held under the direction of President Cannon and Sister Ramona W. Cannon, British Mission Relief Society president.

Conducted by Brother Robert McQueen, first counsellor in the district presidency, the afternoon session included a Relief Society and Sunday School convention. Those taking part on the Sunday

School programme, which was directed by Elder G. Homer Durham of the British Mission office, were Sister Margaret Graham and Brothers Joseph McQueen, Walter Houston and John Wright. The Relief Society programme, which was under the supervision of Sister Cannon, was conducted by Sister May Houston, district Relief Society supervisor, and the following took part: Sisters Matilda G. McQueen, Dolly Stout, Christina McCourt, Marion Peterson, Margaret Thomson, Elizabeth L. Burns and Elder Richard G. Smith.

Speakers during the evening meeting, in addition to President and Sister Cannon, were Elders Durham, A. Park Smoot and Bruce W. Hoggan. A vocal quartet was rendered by Sisters Florence and Isabel Percy, Eleanor Houston and Dolly Stout. Sister Margaret Thomson acted as organist.

During the sessions Elder Roscoe G. Ward was sustained to succeed Elder A. Park Smoot as supervising elder of the district. Elder Smoot was transferred to the British Mission office.

On the Saturday evening preceding the conference Elder Durham gave a lantern lecture on Joseph Smith.

WILLIAM STOUT

District President.

A MESSAGE TO THE WORLD

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It has been my great privilege to bear this testimony in England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Germany, France, Holland, Belgium, Switzezrland, Italy, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Canada, Mexico, in the Hawaiian Islands and in far-off Japan, and to lift up my voice declaring that our Heavenly Father and His beloved Son have again spoken from the heavens, that the Gospel of our Redeemer has been restored to the earth, and to bear witness that I know that God lives, that I know that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God and the Redeemer of mankind, and that I know that Joseph Smith was the instrument in the hands of the Lord in restoring the everlasting Gospel.

My appeal to all members of the Church who possess this same testimony is so to live that other men seeing their good deeds shall be inspired to investigate the Gospel of our Redeemer.

Words fail me in expressing my heartfelt gratitude to God for the radio which gives me this opportunity of bearing my testimony to all the people of the world of the restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I pray the Lord to bless all mankind in these troublous times, that wisdom may be given to men in every land so to live that peace may come to the peoples of the world.

OF CURRENT INTEREST

Industry—Interest focuses upon President Franklin D. Roosevelt of the United States as he attempts to solve a perplexing problem resulting from the unanimous decision of America's Supreme Court of the illegality of the National Recovery Act (a code regulating wages and working hours and other industrial practices). The decision, announced by Chief Justice Charles Evan Hughes, Monday May 27th, dealt a death-blow to the nucleus of President Roosevelt's New Deal.

Germany—Discussion on Herr Hitler's recent talk, his longest public address, before the Reichstag Deputies in Berlin continues in diplomatic circles. The speech lasted two and one-quarter hours. The German leader said his country was willing to fulfill all obligations under the Locarno treaty and to conclude non-aggression pacts with all countries except Lithuania. He said Germany did not desire to enter into any rivalry of the sea as she has neither the money or inclination to do so.

Bible Confirmed—Unearthed recently in the remains of a guard room within a bastion (fortress)

located 25 miles southwest of Jerusalem were 17 potsherds (broken pieces of earthenware) which bear strong evidence of the authenticity of Old Testament writings. Known as the Lachish Letters, the writings are said to be the oldest Hebrew literary manuscripts known. It is said they are 1,500 years earlier than the most ancient extant copy of the Hebrew scriptures. They date back approximately 2,500 years. They were found by Mr. J. L. Starkey, supervisor of the Wellcome Archaeological Research Expedition to the Near East. They contain writings which correspond to those of Jeremiah in the Old Testament.

Air Force—Lord Londonderry, the British Minister for Air, has announced that Britain will treble her air force by March 31st, 1937. The strength of the Home Defence Air Force will be increased from 580 first-line machines to 1,500, bringing it to a parity with the air forces of Germany and France. It is understood 71 new squadrons will be formed; 31 new air stations acquired, and 2,500 more pilots trained.

NEWS OF THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

Congratulations on the twentieth anniversary of the inception of the Bee-Hive organization have been received by Ruth May Fox, general president of the Y. W. M. I. A., from Mrs. Lou Henry Hoover, wife of Herbert Hoover, former president of the United States. Mrs. Hoover was former president of the Girl Scouts of America. Among other things, she wrote: "I am delighted to send you warm congratulations on the Bee-Hive Girls' twentieth birthday, and to wish you not only a happy year, but many such years to follow."

Invited by Mr. H. W. Gibson of the Y.M.C.A. Red Triangle club at Plaistow, London, the basketball team of Latter-day Saint travelling elders at the Mission office played the "Y" team in a game filmed by the Pathe newsreel in the Plaistow gymnasium, Friday, May 23rd. The elders wore Oxford blue suits with "Latter-day Saints" in gold script on the front of the jerseys. Following the game, which the elders won, 30-26, the missionaries were guests of the Plaistow team in the "Y" banquet room. Members of the team were Elders Lane W. Adams, Conway A. Ashton, Wendell

J. Ashton, Heber I. Boden and Rex A. Skidmore. Elders G. Homer Durham and M. Neff Smart of the basketball squad were out of town when the game was played.

International recognition of the historic trek across the American continent of the Latter-day Saint pioneers is given by Denmark in its request for a replica of a pioneer covered wagon to be placed on exhibit in that country this summer. Elder Andrew Jenson, Assistant Church historian, who was appointed to deliver the wagon by Governor Henry Blood of Utah, is now on his way to Copenhagen.

Unveiling and dedication of the forty-foot granite monument depicting the coming forth of the Book of Mormon on the Hill Cumorah in the western part of the state of New York will take place during a celebration from July 21st to July 23rd. Marking the spot where the Prophet received the golden plates from the Angel Moroni, the monument includes a nine-foot bronze figure of the Angel mounted on a granite shaft. Pictures of the marker appeared in a pictorial issue of the *Millennial Star*, April 4th.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Doings in the Districts: London—Boy Scouts of the North London branch enjoyed a one-day camp at Cubley on Easter Monday, April 22nd, under the supervision of Scoutmaster Alfred John Willmott and his assistant, Arthur B. Willmott. Nine boys passed their cooking and fire-lighting tests during the hike.

Forty-eight persons attended the annual M Men-Gleaner banquet of the North London branch held Friday, April 26th. Sister Mary Poole, Gleaner president, and Brother Albert H. Willmott of the Y. M. I. A. presidency arranged the

programme. Community singing was conducted by Brother George Poole.

Manchester—Boat rides and canoeing were enjoyed by saints and friends of the Rochdale branch on a ramble to Hollinwood lake on Saturday, April 13th. Following the lake activities, the merry-makers were guests at a social of a friend living near the lake.

Brother Benjamin R. Birchall, president of the Irish Free state district, was the guest speaker at the Oldham branch services on Sunday evening, April 7th. President

Birchall was accompanied by his wife and daughter, Ena, who rendered a vocal solo.

Under the direction of Sister D. Taylor, members of the Bolton branch enjoyed a ramble to one of the highest peaks on Penine Chain, near Bolton, on "Good Friday," April 19th..

A ramble to Edale and Hayfield on Monday, April 22nd, provided a delightful afternoon for Manchester saints and friends under the leadership of Brother John Craig.

Nottingham—A large gathering attended the Primary children's May Day festivities in the Eastwood branch hall, Wednesday, May 1st. Eva Williams was crowned queen by Elder Joseph Stout, and her attendants were Irene Walker, Lilian Fletcher, Lilian Paslin, Joyce Carlisle, Margaret Potts and Rintha Allen. Margaret Wykes, the crown-bearer, presented the queen with flowers. Recitations and songs were given, followed by refreshments. Sisters Margaret and Annie Wild were in charge.

Children of the Eastwood branch were honoured for regular attendance at Sunday School at a special award meeting in the branch hall on Wednesday, May 1st. Eva Williams was awarded first prize among the girls with a perfect attendance for six years. James Fletcher won the boys' award with a perfect attendance for 1934. Officers and teachers who went the entire year without missing Sunday School meetings were Sisters Irene Walker and Annie Wild and Brother Sidney Allen. Elder Joseph Stout made the presentations.

Hull—A pageant, "The Spirit of Primary," recreations and songs by children composed the programme of the Gainsborough Primary conference held in the branch hall recently. Speakers included Sister Marion Barrett, district Primary supervisor, Elder Theodore Lowther and Sister Thelma Bryant.

A "potato pie" social was held in the Gainsborough branch hall under the direction of the Relief Society recently. Sister Ellen M. Cavanaugh, district supervisor of the Relief Society, was the guest of honour.

Honoured Guests

THE Mayor and Mayoress (Councillor A. E. Meredith, J.P., and Mrs. Meredith) of Kidderminster, were the honoured guests at a recent M Men-Gleaner banquet of the Kidderminster branch.

Responding to a toast in his behalf, the Mayor expressed his appreciation for the work of the M. I. A. as a power for good in the community. The Mayoress was presented with a bouquet of pink flowers on leaving with the Mayor, who wore his badge of office.

The committee in charge of the event included Sisters Edith Farlow and Hazel Dunn, Brother Loran Dunn and Elder Fielding S. Barlow. Branch President Robert L. Dunn presided.

were Brother John Henry Twidale and Sister Amelia May Ransom. Brother Walter Yull was M. C. Nearly all of the profits were handed over to the branch building fund committee.

"Why I Know the Gospel is True" was the theme of the Scunthorpe branch conference, Sunday, April 21st. Speakers included District President Joseph Walker, his counsellors, Brothers Arthur E. Ransom and Walter Yull, Supervising Elder Kenneth Cropper and Elder Clarence B. Cannon.

Irish—The new presidency of the Belfast branch were set apart by District President B. R. Birchall

Public notice appeared in the *Hull Daily Mail* of April 24th certifying the registration of the Hull branch chapel for marriages as from April 18th, 1935, being signed by the Deputy Superintendent Registrar, G. H. Musson.

The annual M. I. A. Gold and Green ball of the Hull branch was held in the beautifully decorated branch hall on Monday, April 22. Winners of the prize dance

on Wednesday, May 8th. The new officers are Brother Joseph Darling, president; Brother Robert Collins, first counsellor; Brother Andrew A. Gilliland, second counsellor, and Brother George W. Taggart, clerk. Brother Joseph Ditty was set apart as second counsellor to District President Birchall.

In an interesting game of softball at Belfast on Saturday, May 11th, the Utes, captained by Brother Robert Dougherty, defeated the Ensigns, 35 to 26. The teams are composed of saints and friends.

The Belfast branch M Men are attracting many new members through softball games. Large crowds have watched the games played by the M Men and several have been invited to join in the activities.

M Men and Gleaner Girls of Ulster branch took an "Hikenic" to the top of Cave hill on Monday, April 22nd, and then played softball and other games. Lunch boxes were served. Brother Joseph Ditty was in charge.

A concert-social was sponsored by the Sunday School of the Belfast

branch on Tuesday, April 23rd. Popular Irish songs were sung and readings and humorous sketches were given, followed by refreshments. The committee in charge included Brother William Belshaw, Elder John Ridge Hicks and Sisters Sarah Hands and Ruby Gillan.

Norwich—A large gathering attended the Lovestoft branch conference held on Easter Sunday, April 21st, in the branch hall. Essays, recitations, and musical numbers were given by members of the Sunday School during the morning meeting, under the direction of Brother W. H. Daniels. Speakers in the evening included Supervising Elder Walter Jay Eldredge, District President A. Burrell, and Brothers John F. Cook and Frank M. Coleby. "The Resurrection" was the theme of the conference.

Scottish—At a ceremony held Saturday, April 20th, in the Whitevale baths, Glasgow, Brothers John Shaw McKay and George Mills Martin were baptized by Elder Eugene T. Pingree, Confirmations followed immediately at the water's side.

DEATHS

MATHEWS—Funeral services for Sister Gertrude Mathews, 58, of the Norwich branch, who died April 25th, were held in the Norwich cemetery chapel April 30th under the direction of Supervising Elder Walter Jay Eldredge.

FELVUS—President of the Primary in the Bradford branch, Sister Marion Felvus died on Friday, April 19th. She was a faithful worker in the Church, and is survived by her husband and four children.

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